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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jay M. Patidar	2862	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 October 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 9-20 and 33-37 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 11-13 and 33-37 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 9,10 and 14-20 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

1. This communication is in response to applicants response filed on October 28, 2005.

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the circumferentially disposed current electrodes as set forth in claim 14 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet"

pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 9,10,14,16-17,19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sezginer et al. (5,510,712).

As to claim 9, Sezginer discloses a resistivity tool having a length having a current source at a first location along said length, a current return at a second location along said length e.g. A2-B2, a monitor electrode e.g. M3, said monitor electrode at a third location along said length, said third location not between said first location and said second location (See fig. 3).

As to claims 10,14,19, Sezginer discloses a second current source at a third location along said length, a second current return at a fourth location along said length e.g. A1-B1, said monitor electrode (first or second monitor electrode)

not being at a location between said second current source and said second current return (fig. 3).

As to claim 16, the current source, current return and monitor electrode are arranged linearly as shown in figure 3.

As to claim 17, the tool in Sezginer is compensated resistivity tool (col. 3, line 61).

As to claim 20, the resistivity tool in figure 3 measures resistivities at multiple depths of investigation (col. 5, line 23).

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 15,18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sezginer in view of Chen (6,191,588).

As to claim 15, Sezginer discloses the resistivity tool with monitor electrodes M1-M3 arranged linearly along the length of the tool. Sezginer fails to show an arm and a pad attached to said arm. Chen is cited to show this feature.

Chen discloses an arm and a pad attached to the art (fig. 1). Consequently, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Sezginer to have an arm and a pad as disclosed by Chen since it is well known in the art for its use.

As to claim 18, Sezginer and Chen do not explicitly show uncompensated resistivity tool, however it is conventional in the related art to employ such uncompensated resistivity tool.

5. Claims 11-13 and 33-37 are allowed.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art fails to show an arrangement of current and monitor electrodes as outlined in claims 11 and 33.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Note PTO-892.

8. Applicant's arguments filed on October 28, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In response to applicants argument that Sezginer does not show the claimed invention, it is noted that Sezginer clearly

shows the claimed invention including current electrodes A1,B1,A2,B2 and monitor electrodes M1-M3. The currents I1 and I2 applied to the current electrodes and the voltage is measured at M1to M3 (note fig. 3). The formation resistivity is estimated from the radial current Ir (col. 3, line 49+ to col. 4, line 20).

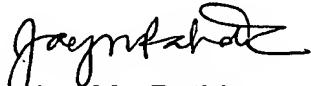
THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jay M. Patidar whose telephone number is 571-272-2265. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thur 7:00-5:30.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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